I personally hold a GMDSS operator/maintainer license, the 1st class Radiotelegraph and
the General Radiotelephone licenses in addition to my Extra class amateur license.
Only the first 3 are “lifetime” and are used primarily in commercial operations, ironically only
my “ham radio” license needs to be renewed every 10 years for a fee. The FCC rules (part 97)
specifically address “no pecuniary interest” in operations yet I have to pay a fee to do
non commercial/hobby communications. It doesn’t make any sense.